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NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There and Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Pellagra Causes State of Alarm.

Durham, Special.—Two deaths from Pellagra and two well-defined cases of the disease which has almost become critical with the medical fraternity, have been reported by the doctors here, and certain portions of the population are alarmed. This human ill is not new enough to be a sensational thing nor old enough to preserve it from faddism. Exaggerated stories of the deaths in Hayti, the colored settlement of Durham, have caused a number of families to discontinue the use of corn-bread as a family dish and some of the very best people here are exceedingly alarmed. The physicians have not yet taken it so seriously but they are worried nevertheless. Pellagra has had but little explanatory literature. The theories that it does and doesn't find its causation in maize, or Indian corn, are typical of divided doctors and when they fall out, sometimes the patient fares but ill. So far as can be learned by your correspondent, there is nothing approaching an epidemic and the two white cases of the disease appear to be improving, though one is a very ill woman. While pellagra isn't new in North Carolina, there have been but few cases west of this place. Wilmington and contiguous territory have suffered a number but the fatalities haven't been so great. The disease has been likened unto leprosy but there are plenty of doctors to combat that theory. The charging up of the deadly disease to maize arises out of a theory that this corn as a consistent diet lacks the living properties that it ought to possess and that from that very insufficiency comes the skin disease and leprosy appearance of the person eating. There have been some physicians in consultation with the local doctors and they have discussed the situation. While it has worried them, the fact that pellagra is not a contagious disease has had a tendency to keep the few unfortunates from publicity rather than otherwise. One of the colored women died yesterday and the other last week. The residents of Hayti have suffered some alarm and they have eschewed corn-bread until there is assurance that it is wholesome.

Electric Department.

Spencer, Special.—Few people have an idea of the immense proportions of the electric department of the Southern Railway shops at Spencer, where hundreds of machines of various kinds are driven by the electric motor. The department, which is ably managed by Mr. W. S. Sweet as chief electrician, is producing more than 600 horse power with 98 motors ranging from three to seventy-five horse power in size. More than 1,500 incandescent lights and 226 lamps are maintained. So well managed is this department that only four men, two electricians and two helpers are employed to keep the whole plant in operation. It is significant that not one minute's delay has been caused in five years except on the occasion of the powder magazine explosion last year when the dynamo were badly damaged, but were started again in three hours. Of the more than 200 locomotives in the service at Spencer, 67 are equipped with electric lights. All of the dining cars, fourteen in number, on the main line of the Southern, are equipped throughout with electricity. It is said that the electric plant at Spencer equals in proportions the entire plant of a city the size of Charlotte, Asheville, or Wilmington.

Wants \$25,000 Bond Issue.

Washington, Special.—A petition has been circulated among a large number of our citizens during the past few days asking that the Legislature grant this city the privilege of another bond issue of \$25,000 for street improvements. The petition has been signed by a large number of citizens.

Durham's Whistling Tiger Run In.

Durham, Special.—Two new cases were found against Walter Hobbs, the great blind tiger of North Durham, Saturday afternoon and the determination to take out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Manning was abandoned. Hobbs is the whistling cripple whose strange rendition of "The Mocking Bird" was his signal for a purchaser. He had done the thing well many times, but was landed at last. The bond of \$1,000 stands and as much money as he has made at the business, he cannot raise the required amount.

Rapid Progress.

Raleigh, Special.—A striking exposition of North Carolina's rapid progress in development of public education is given in the annual report of Secretary C. H. Mebane, of the Education Campaign Committee, just completed. It shows a school fund for the year of \$3,294,231, a gain of \$431,013 over the year previous, raised by local taxation, \$650,739, gain of \$104,607; bonds issued in local tax districts, \$308,552, a gain of \$65,008. The report declares that all records were broken during the ninety days of March, April and May in the matter of carrying local tax districts in that 132 were carried within that time, giving a total of 152 carried during the year in forty-four counties. There are 900 local tax districts in the State at this time, distributed one each in six counties, two to five each in thirty-three, six to ten each in sixteen; eleven to fifteen each in eleven, eighteen to forty-seven each in fourteen counties. There are four counties having no local tax districts. Secretary Mebane's report shows that during the year thirty-eight speakers were sent into various parts of the State to fill seventy-five appointments in the furtherance of the committee campaign. The campaign committee to which this report is made comprises H. E. Fries, Winston-Salem; ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock; ex-Governor R. B. Glenn and Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The report calls special attention to the fact that one whole county in the State voted a special tax for improvement of schools, that being New Hanover. No other county has yet adopted a special tax for the entire county.

The Deserted Baby.

Asheville, Special.—The mystery surrounding the leaving of a child here with a colored nurse by a woman who left the city has been partially cleared. Upon investigation it is learned that the woman's name is Ella Gibbs, whose home is near Marion. For the past two months she has been employed at the home of Mr. Alex Porter, where she was discharged, owing to her strange actions. The woman is now at her home near Marion, but no effort will be made to have her brought back, as the opinion prevails that the child is better off without its mother. The child is at present at the home of Mr. A. L. Garren, where it will remain until a home is selected. There are many applicants to adopt the child.

Mistook Wife For Burglar.

Concord, Special.—Sam Gibson, a young negro, and a good farm hand, living on the plantation of Mr. William H. Bost in No. 10 township, shot and killed his wife about 1 o'clock Monday morning, thinking the woman was some one coming into his room for the purpose of robbery or something else. His wife had gotten out of bed and went to the door, but as the door was so fastened that she could not get out, she then went to a window, and was in the act of re-entering the house when Gibson awakened and took deliberate aim with his shot-which proved almost instant death to the woman. He was not held for the crime.

Peculiar and Primitive.

Fayetteville, Special.—Sheriff N. H. Watson, of Cumberland county, has just captured his twenty-fourth illicit whiskey still at the head of Beaver Creek Pond. The outfit was a peculiar one, composed of an iron pot, wooden cap and gas pipe. There was no one near it when captured.

Albemarle to Vote on Bond Issue.

Albemarle, Special.—The citizens of Albemarle will vote on an issue of bonds July 27 for lights, water, sewerage, school and street improvements and judging from the registration the bond issue will carry by a decided majority. This will be a great step forward as these things are needed and the town has no bonded indebtedness of any consequence.

Asheville Lineman Electrocuted.

Asheville, Special.—W. A. Leonard, a lineman in the employ of the Weaver Power Company, who came here with his invalid wife some months ago from Columbus, Ohio, was electrocuted late Wednesday afternoon while at work on a pole on the Biltmore line of the power company. Just how Leonard came in contact with the live wire carrying several thousand volts of electricity is not known. He was on the pole working away when suddenly he touched the wire in some manner and death was almost instantaneous.

MRS. J. ADDISON HAYES DEAD

Last of Family of the President of the Confederate States Succumbs to Combination of Diseases—Succeeded Her Younger Sister as "Daughter of the Confederacy."

Colorado Springs, Col., Special.—Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, daughter of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, died Sunday night at her home after an illness of six months.

Mrs. Hayes, 54 years old, was the wife of J. Addison Hayes, president of the First National Bank of Colorado Springs.

Friends throughout the country had gained the impression that Mrs. Hayes suffered from cancer, but the cause of her death was announced by attending physicians as a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Hayes, the last of the family of the only President of the Confederacy, after the death of her sister, Miss Winnie Davis, in New York city, made a trip through the South a few years ago, when she was made the "Daughter of the Confederacy" in her sister's stead. Her mother, widow of the Southern President, died in New York about two years ago.

Mrs. Hayes is survived by two sons, Jefferson Hayes Davis and William Hayes, and two daughters, Lucy Hayes and Mrs. Virginia Webb, wife of Dr. Gerald B. Webb, of Colorado Springs. Jefferson Hayes Davis bears the name of his grandfather through a special act of the Legislature.

It is expected that official notice of her death will be given at once by the heads of the various Confederate organizations of the South, and a fitting tribute paid by them to her memory.

Only a short time ago, Mrs. W. J. Behan, of New Orleans, one of the leaders of the Daughters of the Confederacy, received a letter from Mrs. Hayes, thanking the former for her efforts to bring about the restoration of Cabin John Bridge, near Washington of the name of Mr. Davis, which had been chiseled off after his accession to the presidency of the Confederacy.

Motor Cycle Spreads Death.

Berlin, By Cable.—Four persons were killed, more than twenty seriously injured, and a dozen others slightly injured as the result of the explosion of a motor cycle, and a fire which followed it, during a cycle race at the old botanic gardens Sunday evening. Thousands of spectators had gathered around the track which was opened for the first time a few days ago.

During an endurance race, the tire of one of the pacemakers' motor cycle burst and the rider lost control. The benzine exploded in a burst of flame and the machine leaped into the air. The rider was thrown off and fell against other competitors. So terrific was the speed of the motor cycle that it continued on its course after the explosion, crashing into the public stand, hurling spectators right and left, and setting on fire several women's dresses. Two women were instantly killed and their bodies, saturated with flaming benzine, were burned to cinders. The wooden stand caught fire, and the flames flashed in the faces of bystanders, who, with clothing ablaze rushed about shrieking with pain and fear. A panic ensued, in which a great number of persons, including children, were badly trampled. Eighteen men and four women were seriously injured, two of the men having since died. The hospital surgeons say that several others are in a hopeless condition.

Big Fire at Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, Special.—Fire was discovered in a room on the second floor of the Hammond Hotel Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. The building was crowded, containing about 100 guests.

Rare presence of mind caused the opening of a tap on the third floor by the first fireman who reached the burning building. This preserved the stairway until the third floor occupants could hurry from the building in their night clothes.

The loss is reported at about \$20,000 on the building, without insurance; furnishings about \$3,500, partly insured.

Sixteen Perish in Water.

New York, Special.—Sixteen persons, five of them women, met death by drowning in the waters either surrounding or in the vicinity of New York Sunday. Ten of the victims perished after the capsizing of the excursion sloop Roxana, carrying 22 passengers, which was struck by a sudden squall in lower New York bay, midway between Coney Island Point and Hoffman Island, late Sunday afternoon. Of the survivors, one woman, Mrs. C. Knudson, of Brooklyn, is in such a serious condition that she probably will die. Her two daughters were drowned.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

President Taft was the central figure in a number of conferences Monday and is living up to the prediction made many weeks ago that in the conference consideration of the tariff bill he would lend his influence to conciliate all differences.

At a conference at the White House it was definitely decided that the rate to be levied under the new corporation tax shall be reduced from two per cent. to one per cent., and that in redrafting the measure now in conference along with the tariff bill, due consideration will be given to the demands of the mutual life insurance companies, whose incomes would have been seriously affected.

The tariff conferees made satisfactory progress Monday in spite of the fact that the House members were compelled to be absent much of the time on account of the session of the House. Thus far, however, the amendments agreed upon in the chemical, earthenware, metal and wood schedules have been of minor importance.

By passing over the cotton and woollen schedules without taking any of the amended paragraphs, and skipping the disputed points connected with the rates on lumber in the wood schedule, the tariff conferees were able to dispose of about 400 amendments Tuesday. This number however includes subjects that were settled tentatively on Monday and Saturday.

Many important subjects, such as the House drawback features in the alcohol paragraph, the rates on oilcloth and the various items under the head of lithographs, were submitted to sub-conferees. The treasury experts who helped the Senate finance committee in its consideration of the bill are assisting the conferees in gathering information about these subjects.

A representative of The Associated Press Tuesday interrogated one of the conferees as to the progress that has been made. A list of practically all of the amended paragraphs of public interest was submitted to him.

Strenuous objections were raised by the House members of the tariff conference Wednesday to the Senate provision in the maximum and minimum feature of the tariff bill, which gives to the President authority to employ such persons as he may desire to aid him in enforcing the tariff laws and which will be useful to Congress in tariff legislation in the future.

The provision which provides for the establishment of a court of customs appeals was adopted. It is intended that this court shall deal with all cases of appeal from the board of general appraisers and that its judgment shall be final. The salaries of the five judges were fixed at \$10,000, instead of \$7,000 as provided by the Senate amendment.

The Senate maximum and minimum provision was agreed upon tentatively as a substitute for the House feature, with the exception of, the provision for the employment of tariff experts. The House conferees claimed that the House ways and means committee and the Senate finance committee have the investigation of tariff matters as their special province.

Twenty-four hours would see the end of the work of the Senate and House conferees on the tariff bill, and a substantial agreement upon the questions at issue but for the five propositions—iron ore, coal, hides, oil and lumber—upon which the President stands firm for radical reduction or even abolition of the tariff.

Great progress was made by the conferees Friday. A preponderance of the differences have been adjusted. In each schedule, however, are a few items that have necessitated investigation in order to enable the conferees to get together. This is true of lead products, such as paints, in the chemical schedule; numerous articles in the metal schedule on which the rates depend upon the settlement of the iron ore question; the demand for a change in the classification of wool tops; the change from ad valorem to specific rates on cotton goods; the increase made by the House on gloves, and the wood pulp and print paper contest. The rates on silks and woollen goods were determined Friday. On silks there will be a considerable advance over existing duties; on woollen, no change from the present law except in regard to wool tops, which are to be given a new classification. The duty on tops is prohibitive now, and it is predicted that it will continue so, even after the reduction is put into force. The Senate provision reenacted the Dingley rates of the whole woollen schedule, while the House provided for material reductions.

Washington, Special.—President Taft will win his fight for free or re-

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

John D. Rockefeller is seventy years old.

Count Casimir Badeni, former Austrian Premier, died in Vienna.

W. W. Rockhill, the retiring American Minister to China, has left Peking.

Dawson Hoopes filed suit for divorce against his wife in Philadelphia.

George Frederick Samuel Robinson, first Marquis of Ripon, formerly Lord Privy Seal, died in London.

General Marquis de Gallifet, one of France's most prominent soldiers and formerly Minister of War, died in Paris.

President Taft told newspaper correspondents that he believed in the widest publicity in the making of a tariff law.

Colonel Roosevelt arrived at Lake Naivasha after five weeks of successful hunting in the Sotik district of British East Africa.

Mene Wallace, an Eskimo boy whom Lieutenant Peary brought to America thirteen years ago, left for his home, in Greenland.

Sir Purdon Clarke denied the report that he was about to resign the directorship of the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

Herbert Louis Samuel, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was elected to Parliament from Yorkshire by a reduced majority.

Ex-President Castro has renounced his right to the Presidency and has asked for a piece of ground, so that he may die on Venezuelan soil.

Thomas Hayward, one of the men who organized the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, died at Marshall, Mich., aged eighty-seven years.

Aviator Has Dizzy Fall.

New York, Special.—A frightened amateur, sitting like a wooden man, went up Sunday in Glean H. Curtiss' aeroplane, which hovered a moment in mid-air and then crashed to earth. The beautiful craft in which Curtiss made his remarkable flight Friday was badly wrecked, and Alexander Williams, the would-be aviator, was lifted unconscious from the twisted frame, his left arm broken, his left thumb dislocated, his body bruised and his brain reeling.

OLD SOUTHERN RECIPE.

Here is a recipe for the famous apple bread that was served with duck in the days before the civil war. Rub through a pound of sifted and warmed bread flour two-thirds of a cup of butter and three heaping tablespoonfuls sugar. Dissolve half a compressed yeast cake in a cup of milk that has been scalded and cooled to lukewarm. Add to the flour and mix to a stiff batter. Add again three eggs well beaten and beat the batter till it billsters. It needs to be very stiff. Cover and let rise overnight in a warm place. In the morning it should be nearly doubled in bulk.

Divide in two portions and roll out in cakes about half an inch thick. Spread one with rather tart apple sauce, cover with the other and let rise together about half an hour, then bake in a moderate oven until well done.

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